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#### **CATTLE ON FEED IN CALIFORNIA**

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 405 thousand head on December 1, 1999, 3 percent above last month, but 1 percent below December 1, 1998. During November placements of 66.0 thousand head were 6 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 48.0 thousand head were 13 percent below November 1998. disappearance totaled 8.00 thousand head.

#### **U.S. CATTLE ON FEED**

U.S. cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market for 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 11.75 million head on December 1, 1999. The inventory was 6 percent above December 1, 1998 and 3 percent above December 1, 1997. Placements in feedlots during November totaled 2.17 million, 5 percent above 1998, but 2 percent below 1997. Net placements were 2.09 million. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than

600 pounds were 766 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 657 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 416 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 331 thousand. Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.80 million, 5 percent above 1998 and 7 percent above 1997. Other disappearance totaled 83.0 thousand during November, 6 percent above 1998, but 2 percent below 1997.

#### **CATTLE ON FEED UP 6 PERCENT** IN HISTORIC SEVEN MONTHLY STATES

Cattle on feed in the historic seven states for 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 10.01 million on December 1, 1999, up 6 percent from the previous year and 3 percent above December 1, 1997. Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.82 million, 5 percent above 1998, but slightly below 1997. Marketings during November totaled 1.53 million, 5 percent above 1998 and 7 percent above 1997. Other disappearance during November was 62.0 thousand, 2 percent below 1998 and 10 percent below 1997.

#### CATTLE AND CALVES: NUMBER ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS IN SEVEN SELECTED STATES

	Number	on feed Novem	ber 1 <u>1</u> /	Placed Durin	g November	Marketed During November			
State	1998 1999		1999/1998	1998	1999	1998	1999		
	Thousand Head								
Arizona California Colorado lowa Kansas Nebraska Texas	205 400 1,170 300 2,260 2,030 2,830	239 395 1,220 345 2,390 2,250 2,930	117 99 104 117 106 111 104	36 70 210 59 420 450 480	48 66 190 74 430 490 525	25 55 180 33 410 310 435	19 48 180 43 425 350 460		
Seven-State Total	9,195 9,769		106			1,448	8 1,525		
	Other Disappea	rance During N	ovember 2/	Number on	Feed December	1	1000/1008		
State	Other Disappea 1998		ovember <u>2/</u> 1999	Number on 1998	Feed December 1999		1999/1998		
State				1998			1999/1998 Percent		
State  Arizona California Colorado lowa Kansas Nebraska Texas			1999	1998	1999 1,2 2,3 2,3				

Cattle and calves on feed are animals being fed for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates, and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

#### **CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER**

California production of red meat during November 1999 totaled 88.9 million pounds (dressed weight), unchanged from last month and 2 percent above November 1998. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In November 1999, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,261 pounds; calves, 159 pounds; and hogs, 215 pounds.

### U.S. COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER BEEF, PORK, AND RED MEAT PRODUCTION SET RECORD HIGHS

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.89 billion pounds in November, up 4 percent from the record high for November set in 1995 and up 5 percent from the 3.72 billion pounds produced in November 1998.

November 1998 contained 21 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays. November 1999 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.15 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the record high for November set in 1995 and 7 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.94 million head, up 6 percent from 1998. The average live weight was up 5 pounds from the previous year to 1,216 pounds.

Veal production totaled 19.0 million pounds, 2 percent below the record low for November set a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 104 thousand head, down 7 percent form November 1998. The average live weight, at 300 pounds, was15 pounds above last year.

Pork production totaled 1.71 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the record high for November set last year. Hog kill totaled 8.90 million head, 1 percent above 1998. The average live weight was 262 pounds, 1 pound above the previous year.

Lamb and mutton production, at 22 million pounds, was up 12 percent from November 1998. Sheep slaughter totaled 329 thousand head, 10 percent above last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, up 2 pounds from November a year ago.

January-November red meat production was 42.3 billion pounds, 3 percent higher than the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was 3 percent higher than last year, veal was down 11 percent, pork was up 2 percent, and lamb and mutton was down 3 percent.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, NOVEMBER 1998-99 1/

Species	Number Sla	Total Live Weight			Average Live Weight				
and Location	1998	1999	1	998	19	999	1998		1999
Location	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds			S	Pounds		unds
CATTLE									
California	82.5	86.1		105,214	1	08,563	1,27	'5	1,261
U.S. Total	2,772.6	2,942.9	3,3	356,978	3,5	79,187	1,21	1	1,216
CALVES									
California	12.7	11.3		1,666		1,800	13		159
U.S. Total	112.2 104.4 31,975 31,280		28	35	300				
SHEEP &									
LAMBS									
California						40.500			400
U.S. Total	298.1	329.2		38,710		43,526	13	80	132
HOGS California	189.4	189.2		40,308		40,758	21	2	215
U.S. Total	8,809.0	8,898.3	2 '	299,611		29,416	26		262
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RED	November		-	Noven		Nov			Nov. 99
MEAT	1998	<u>2</u> /	<u>2</u> / 1999		Nov	. 98	98 Oct. 9		
	Million Pounds					Per	cer	nt	
California	87.	5	89.2	89.2 88.9			102		100
U.S. Total	3,724.	7 4,0	01.0	.0 3,893.8			105		97

- 1/ Farm slaughter excluded.
- 2/ Revised U.S. total.

#### FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER BY REGIONS AND UNITED STATES, JANUARY - NOVEMBER 1999 \*

Standard Federal	Cattle							
Regions 1/	Total 2/	Steers	Heifers	Dairy Cows	Other Cows	Bulls & Stags	Calves Total	
rtegions <u>i</u> r	1,000 Head							
1	19.4	3.1	2.2	11.3	0.7	2.1	37.8	
2	79.4	14.0	4.9	46.6	5.4	8.4	248.3	
3	961.4	461.4	74.6	293.5	110.1	21.7	172.4	
4	826.6	14.6	7.9	267.6	443.3	93.2	24.3	
5	3,373.2	1,477.1	570.4	871.4	351.0	103.3	439.7	
6	6,226.3	3,191.1	2,148.4	107.8	617.3	161.8	28.3	
7	15,036.9	7,977.7	6,130.9	128.6	740.3	59.3	1.1	
8	3,284.5	1,654.7	1,381.6	32.4	164.6	51.3	_	
9	1,370.2	673.3	79.4	451.7	129.1	36.7	166.4	
10	1,494.2	746.0	366.0	129.0	213.6	39.6	23.6	
U.S. 2/	32,672.1	16,213.1	10,766.4	2,339.9	2,775.4	577.4	1,141.8	
		Ho	gs			Sheep		
	Total <u>2</u> /	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total 2/	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings	
	1,000 Head							
1	20.1	19.3	0.7	0.1	19.5	5.0	14.5	
2	133.3	130.8	1.8	0.7	120.3	20.9	99.4	
3	6,150.9	6,125.2	25.3	0.4	103.2	7.2	96.0	
4	14,236.2	13,298.9	922.2	15.1	14.2	10.5	3.7	
5	22,915.8	21,829.4	1,024.9	61.5	404.5	48.4	356.2	
6	4,460.3	4,181.4	273.4	5.5	479.3	43.9	435.3	
7	36,760.6	35,982.3	488.3	290.0	482.2	2.8	479.4	
8	3,886.7	3,559.5	327.0	0.1	1,186.1	22.5	1,163.6	
9	2,109.8	2,107.6	2.1	0.2	397.7	7.0	390.7	
10	345.7	342.4	2.9	0.5	8.5	1.9	6.7	
U.S. 2/	91,019.4	87,576.6	3,068.7	374.1	3,215.6	170.1	3,045.5	

- \* Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.
- States included in regions are as follows: 1--CT, ME, NH, VT, MA & RI; 2--NY & NJ; 3--DE-MD, PA, WV & VA; 4--AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC & TN; 5--IL, IN, MI, MN, OH & WI; 6--AR, LA, NM, OK & TX; 7--IA, KS, MO & NE; 8--CO, MT, ND, SD, UT & WY; 9--AZ, CA, HI & NV; 10--ID, OR & WA.
- 2/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

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12:00 NOON RELEASE (* 5:30 AM PST RELEASE)								
JANUARY	11	Cotton Ginnings *	FEBRUARY	3	Dairy Products			
	11	Crop Production *		11	Cotton Ginnings *			
	12	Crop Production - Annual *		11	Crop Production *			
	12	Grain Stocks *		11	Crop Values			
	12	Rice Stocks *		14	Potato Stocks			
	12	Turkeys		18	Cattle On Feed			
	12	Winter Wheat & Rye Seedings *		18	Cold Storage - Annual			
	13 14	Vegetables Potato Stocks		18 18	Cold Storage Farm Labor			
	14	Vegetables - Annual		22	Chickens & Eggs			
	18	Milk Production		28	Honey			
	20	Non-citrus Fruits & Nuts Preliminary		20	Honey			
	21	Cold Storage						
	21	Cattle On Feed						
	25	Cotton Ginnings *						
	28	Chicken & Egg Production - Annual						
	28	Cattle						
	28	Sheep & Goats						
	31	Chickens & Eggs						
MARCH	3	Livestock Slaughter - Annual	APRIL	7	Vegetables			
	10	Crop Production *		11	Crop Production *			
	14	Potato Stocks		13	Potato Stocks			
	17	Cattle On Feed		14	Cattle On Feed			
	20	Cold Storage		18	Hatchery Production - Annual			
	21	Chickens & Eggs		20	Cold Storage			
	24	Cotton Ginnings *		24	Chickens & Eggs			
	24 31	Hogs & Pigs Grain Stocks *		25 25	Dairy Products - Annual Floriculture Crops			
	31	Rice Stocks *		25 25	Milk Prod./Disp./Income			
	31	Prospective Plantings *		27	Meat Animals Prod./Disp./Income			
MAY			UINE		·			
MAY	12	Cotton Ginnings - Annual * Crop Production *	JUNE	9	Crop Production * Cattle On Feed			
	12 17	Ag. Chemical Usage - Field Crops		16 20	Cold Storage			
	17	Cattle On Feed		23	Chickens & Eggs			
	19	Cold Storage		23	Hogs & Pigs			
	19	Farm Labor		30	Grain Stocks *			
	22	Chickens & Eggs		30	Acreage *			
JULY	7	Non-citrus Fruits & Nuts - Annual	AUGUST	11	Cotton Ginnings *			
0021	10	Vegetables	AUGUUT	11	Crop Production *			
	12	Crop Production *		18	Cattle On Feed			
	19	Ag. Chemical Usage - Fruits		18	Cold Storage			
	20	Farm Production Expenditures		18	Farm Labor			
	21	Cattle		22	Chickens & Eggs			
	21	Cattle On Feed		28	Rice Stocks *			
	21	Sheep						
	21	Cold Storage						
	24 24	Chickens & Eggs Ag. Prices - Annual						
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SEPTEMBER	8	Vegetables	OCTOBER	6	Vegetables			
	12	Crop Production *		12	Cotton Ginnings *			
	12	Cotton Ginnings *		12	Crop Production *			
	15 20	Cattle On Feed		20	Cattle On Feed			
	20 21	Cold Storage Citrus Fruits		20 23	Cold Storage Chickens & Eggs			
	22	Chickens & Eggs		25 25	Cotton Ginnings *			
	22	Hogs & Pigs		30	Rice Stocks *			
	25	Cotton Ginnings *		30				
	29	Small Grain Summary *						
	29	Grain Stocks *						
NOVEMBER	9	Cotton Ginnings *	DECEMBER	12	Cotton Ginnings *			
	9	Crop Production *		12	Crop Production *			
	17	Cattle On Feed		15	Cattle On Feed			
	17	Farm Labor		20	Cold Storage			
	20	Cold Storage		22	Chickens & Eggs			
	21	Chickens & Eggs		22	Cotton Ginnings *			
	24	Cotton Ginnings *		28	Hogs & Pigs			
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AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, CALIFORNIA AND U.S. 1/

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			California		United States					
Commodity	Unit	November 1998	October 1999	Nov. 15, 1999	November 1998	October 1999	Nov. 15, 1999			
			Dollars							
All Hay, Baled 2/	Ton	87.00	77.00	81.00	81.40	73.70	74.00			
Alfalfa, Baled 2/	Ton	89.00	80.00	83.00	84.40	76.00	77.30			
Hogs <u>3</u> / <u>4</u> /	Cwt.				18.80	34.00	32.90			
Cows 4/	Cwt.	29.50	33.00	33.00	29.70	33.80	33.00			
Steers and Heifers 4/	Cwt.	61.00	67.00	68.00	62.30	70.10	70.80			
Calves 4/	Cwt.	72.50	80.00	83.00	77.50	91.90	91.60			
Sheep 4/	Cwt.	25.50	27.00	27.00	26.40	26.40				
Lambs 4/	Cwt.	64.00	73.00	74.00	62.60	72.60				
Milk Cows 5/	Head					1,380.00				
All Milk Wholesale 4/	Cwt.	17.24	14.50	14.00	17.80	15.00	14.40			

The estimated prices in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers and are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

Or Sale of each Confine to the State and O.S. as a whole.

California's November 15, 1998 price includes larger than normal percentage of low quality hay sales.

Prices include barrows, gilts, and sows.

Previous month revised to monthly average.

Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.